

Claims

- [c1] 1.A tailgate for use with a vehicle with a chassis and truck bed, the truck bed having an inside surface and an outside surface, comprising:
 - a pair of mounting blocks positioned on the outside surface of the truck bed;
 - each of said pair of mounting blocks comprising a protrusion;
 - a pair of arms;
 - each of said pair of arms positioned on a protrusion for rotation thereabout; and
 - a pair of chains attaching each of said arms to said chassis.
- [c2] 2.The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a gate mounted on said pair of arms.
- [c3] 3.The tailgate of claim 2, wherein said gate comprises an elongated plate.
- [c4] 4.The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises metal plate.
- [c5] 5.The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises reinforcing members positioned on said elongated plate.

- [c6] 6.The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises a support member positioned on said elongated plate such that said support member rests on the truck bed.
- [c7] 7.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises tubular members.
- [c8] 8.The tailgate of claim 7, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises steel of about 0.1875 inches in wall thickness.
- [c9] 9.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises a substantially rectangular shape.
- [c10] 10.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises an aperture therein so as to mate with said protrusion.
- [c11] 11.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises a chain attachment positioned thereon for said chain.
- [c12] 12.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein said mounting block is welded to the outside surface of the truck bed.
- [c13] 13.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein said base plate comprises reinforcing members positioned thereon.
- [c14] 14.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein said protrusion com-

prises a metal pin.

- [c15] 15.The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a collar positioned on said protrusion so as to keep each of said pair of arms in place.
- [c16] 16.The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a pair of chain supports positioned on said chassis such that each of said chain supports attaches one of said pair of chains to one of said pair of arms.
- [c17] 17.The tailgate of claim 16, wherein each of said pair of chain supports comprises an extending member such that said chain is positioned outside of said truck bed.
- [c18] 18.The tailgate of claim 1, wherein said pair of chains comprises a chain link.
- [c19] 19.A vehicle with a chassis, comprising:
 - a dump bed mounted on said chassis;
 - a pair of mounting blocks;
 - one of said pair of mounting blocks mounted on either side of said dump bed;
 - a tailgate positioned on said mounting blocks for rotation about said dump bed; and
 - a pair of chains attaching said tailgate to said chassis.
- [c20] 20.The vehicle of claim 19, wherein said tailgate com-

prises a pair of tubular arms.

- [c21] 21.The vehicle of claim 20, wherein each of said pair of mounting blocks comprises a pin.
- [c22] 22.The vehicle of claim 21, wherein said tailgate comprises a reinforced gate.
- [c23] 23.The vehicle of claim 21, wherein said tailgate comprises a support member such that said support member rests on said dump bed.
- [c24] 24.A method for attaching a tailgate to a dump bed of a vehicle, with the dump bed being positioned on the chassis of the vehicle, comprising:
attaching a mounting pin to both sides of the dump bed;
mounting the tailgate on the mounting pins;
attaching a collar to each of the mounting pins so as to keep the tailgate in place; and
attaching a pair of chains to the tailgate and the chassis.
- [c25] 25.The method of Claim 24, wherein said attaching step comprises positioning one of the collars on each of the mounting pins via an attachment pin.